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DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer

September 6, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE FUNDING AGREEMENT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE  
SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 TO THE CITY OF  
MANHATTAN BEACH  
(Fourth District - 3 Votes)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBORS  
THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to the State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 and Class 1 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Approve and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a funding agreement for \$435,000 with the City of Manhattan Beach for the El Porto Parking Lot Retaining Wall Project.
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the right to apply for funds under Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) to the City of Manhattan Beach for \$100,000 for its El Porto Parking Lot Retaining Wall Project.

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### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the transfer of funds to the City of Manhattan Beach to complete the El Porto Parking Lot Retaining Wall Project.

The project scope consists of reinforcing the retaining wall immediately west of the El Porto parking lot extending from 45<sup>th</sup> Street to Rosecrans Avenue (approximately 1,900 feet in length). The El Porto retaining wall provides support for the vehicular parking lot and separates the parking lot from the beach area. The Department of Public Works participated on the design of the project, which includes the placement of a soldier-pile wall in front of the existing retaining wall that will remain intact. The construction contract is being administered by the City of Manhattan Beach and construction completion is anticipated by October 2005. The project is estimated to cost \$1.9 million to complete.

The City of Manhattan Beach is contributing \$965,000 to the project. Your Board previously assigned the right to apply for \$400,000 from the 1996 Proposition funds to the City of Manhattan Beach for this project and accepted a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the amount of \$435,000. It is now recommended that your Board authorize the transfer of the \$435,000 to the City and assign the right to apply for an additional \$100,000 from the 1996 Proposition funds to the City of Manhattan Beach in order to complete funding.

In a related action on today's agenda, the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District is requesting your Board's approval to allow the transfer of \$100,000 to the City of Manhattan Beach.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Children and Families' Well-being (Goal 5) by allowing the City of Manhattan Beach to complete a beach capital improvement, thereby enhancing the safety of beachgoers and improving public access to and enjoyment of a major beach in the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The NOAA grant is currently appropriated in the FY 2005-06 Project and Facility Development Budget.

Sufficient funds in the amount of \$100,000 are appropriated in the District's Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges for these projects. The City of Manhattan Beach will be required to provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural

guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Chief Administrative Officer will administer the grant funds awarded by NOAA to the County in an amount not to exceed \$435,000.

The 1996 Proposition allocated \$8,000,000 to the Department of Beaches and Harbors for improvement of beaches owned or operated by the County. The County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the Proposition. The Department of Beaches and Harbors will assign its right to apply for \$100,000 to the City of Manhattan Beach.

The 1996 Proposition set forth various deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds. Specified Project funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e) of the 1996 Proposition. An alternative plan for expenditure to amend specific identified projects or for expenditure of these funds after July 1, 2003 may be approved, allowing for the expenditure of funds in accordance with the purposes of the 1996 Proposition within the area of the District in which funds were originally authorized to be expended.

The attached resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The City of Manhattan Beach, as lead agency for the El Porto Parking Lot Retaining Wall Project, determined that the project was exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301, and filed a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk's Office on January 10, 2005, in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code. Based thereon, we ask that your Board find that the recommended actions are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These actions will have no impact on other projects funded through the District but will provide the City of Manhattan Beach with full funding for its parking lot retaining wall project.

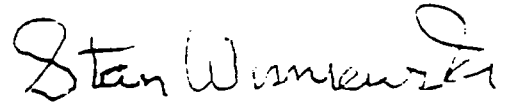
**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of the resolution, along with one approved copy of this letter, each to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, and to the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer



STAN WISNIEWSKI  
Director of Beaches and Harbors

Attachment

c: County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS UNDER  
SECTION (3), SUBSECTION (b), PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996  
TO THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

WHEREAS, Section (3), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) allocates to the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors \$8 million in funding for acquisition and development on the beaches owned or operated by Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies to implement the intent of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manhattan Beach plans to construct a new retaining wall outside of an old weakened wall that holds up the El Porto beach parking lot, at an estimated cost of approximately \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Beaches and Harbors requests the transfer to the City of Manhattan Beach of the right to apply for \$100,000 of its funds for the El Porto Parking Lot Retaining Wall Project; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Beach will be required to provide assurances to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the procedural guidelines adopted by your Board, acting as Board of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Resolution approving the right to apply for \$100,000 in funds from the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors' allocation under the 1996 Proposition to the City of Manhattan Beach.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Los Angeles

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
BY COUNTY COUNSEL

RAY G. FORTNER

By: Paul T. Hanson  
Deputy